

(Washington, DC)— Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) was at the White House as President Barack Obama signed historic health insurance reform legislation that gives families more control and more choices over their health care and reduces the deficit and made the following statement:

“This is a truly historic day. I remember being 12 years old and my parents talking about the promise of universal health care.

“President Obama and Congress were able to accomplish what had evaded our nation for a century after President Teddy Roosevelt said that every American deserves health care.

“As insurance reforms go into effect, families will see immediate benefits. Children can no longer be denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions. Families can keep children on their insurance until their 26th birthdays, saving great cost from pricey supplemental insurance plans. Many seniors will get help for prescription drug costs, and small businesses will receive tax credits to help afford insurance for their employees.

“This bill isn’t perfect. In fact, we already passed changes that will insure more people, help more families and small businesses afford coverage, and slash the deficit even more. These changes are currently being considered in the Senate. Over time, we will have many more opportunities to tweak it and to improve it.”

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